



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number : 10/731,710 Confirmation No. 5454
Filing Date : December 9, 2003
Inventor(s) : Xian Yao, et al.
Title : METHOD FOR FORMING ULTRA HARD SINTERED
COMPACTS USING METALLIC PERIPHERAL STRUCTURES IN
THE SINTERING CELL
Group Art Unit : 1742
Examiner Name : Weiping Zhu
Docket No. : 50547/M277 Date: September 6, 2007

MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. X Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) X An Action was mailed by the Office on June 7, 2007, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
- X a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on August 7, 2007
- X via Express Mail
- X with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
- X that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
- the Issue Fee has not been paid
- the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on



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- b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- ☒ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on August 7, 2007 (enclosed herein).
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
☐ Other:

b. Enclosed

- ☐ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
☐ Petition for Extension of Time
☐ Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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PART I — BASIC FEE			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$395.00	Large Entity \$790.00	\$790.00

PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	34	*34	0	x \$25.00	0 x \$50.00	0.00
Independent Claims	4	**4	0	x \$100.00	0 x \$200.00	0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$180.00	\$360.00	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0.00
List Independent Claims: 1, 21, 23, 34						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.						
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
A check for \$790.00 is enclosed.
 - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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